

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIM

This listing of the claim replaces all prior listings and versions.

1. (currently amended) A method for ~~designing~~ preparing a zinc finger protein comprising a first (F1), a second (F2), and a third (F3) zinc finger, ordered F1, F2, F3 from N-terminus to C-terminus that binds to a target site comprising, in 3' to 5' direction, a first (S1), a second (S2), and a third (S3) target subsite, each target subsite having the nucleotide sequence GNN, the method comprising the steps of:

(i) selecting the F1 zinc finger such that it binds to the S1 target subsite, wherein if S1 comprises GAA, F1 comprises the amino acid sequence QRSNLVR (SEQ ID NO:158); if S1 comprises GAG, F1 comprises the amino acid sequence RSDNLAR (SEQ ID NO:130); if S1 comprises GAC, F1 comprises the amino acid sequence DRSNLTR (SEQ ID NO:395); if S1 comprises GAT, F1 comprises the amino acid sequence QSSNLAR (SEQ ID NO:1765); if S1 comprises GGA, F1 comprises the amino acid sequence QSGHLAR (SEQ ID NO:413); if S1 comprises GGG, F1 comprises the amino acid sequence RSDHLAR (SEQ ID NO:127); if S1 comprises GGC, F1 comprises the amino acid sequence DRSHLTR (SEQ ID NO:1506); if S1 comprises GGT, F1 comprises the amino acid sequence QSSHLTR (SEQ ID NO:835); if S1 comprises GCA, F1 comprises QSGSLTR (SEQ ID NO:342); if S1 comprises GCG, F1 comprises RSDDLTR (SEQ ID NO:188); if S1 comprises GCC, F1 comprises ERGTLAR (SEQ ID NO:131); if S1 comprises GCT, F1 comprises the amino acid sequence QSSDLTR (SEQ ID NO:1450); if S1 comprises GTA, F1 comprises the amino acid sequence QSGALTR (SEQ ID NO:1398); if S1 comprises GTG, F1 comprises the amino acid sequence RSDALTR (SEQ ID NO:153); if S1 comprises GTC, F1 comprises the amino acid sequence DRSALAR (SEQ ID NO:184);

selecting the F2 zinc finger such that it binds to the S2 target subsite, wherein S2 comprises GAA, F2 comprises the amino acid sequence QSGNLAR (SEQ ID NO:801); if S2 comprises GAG, F2 comprises the amino acid sequence RSDNLAR (SEQ ID NO:130); if S2 comprises GAC, F2 comprises the amino acid sequence DRSNLTR (SEQ ID NO:395); if S2 comprises GAT, F2 comprises the amino acid sequence TSGNLVR

(SEQ ID NO:1442); if S2 comprises GGA, F2 comprises the amino acid sequence QSGHLQR (SEQ ID NO:287); if S2 comprises GGG, F2 comprises the amino acid sequence RSDHLSR (SEQ ID NO:229); if S2 comprises GGC, F2 comprises the amino acid sequence DRSHLAR (SEQ ID NO:1092); if S2 comprises GGT, F2 comprises the amino acid sequence TSGHLSR (SEQ ID NO:1201); if S2 comprises GCA, F2 comprises the amino acid sequence QSGDLTR (SEQ ID NO:220); if S2 comprises GCG, F2 comprises the amino acid sequence RSDDLQR (SEQ ID NO:1844); if S2 comprises GCC, F2 comprises the amino acid sequence DRSDLTR (SEQ ID NO:417); if S2 comprises GCT, F2 comprises the amino acid sequence QSSDLTR (SEQ ID NO:1450); if S2 comprises GTA, F2 comprises the amino acid sequence QSGALAR (SEQ ID NO:3339); if S2 comprises GTG, F2 comprises the amino acid sequence RSDALSR (SEQ ID NO:237); if S2 comprises GTC, F2 comprises the amino acid sequence DRSALAR (SEQ ID NO:184); and

selecting the F3 zinc finger such that it binds to the S3 target subsite, wherein if S3 comprises GAA, F3 comprises the amino acid sequence QSGNLR (SEQ ID NO:801); if S3 comprises GAG, F3 comprises the amino acid sequence RSDNLTR (SEQ ID NO:231); if S3 comprises GAC, F3 comprises the amino acid sequence DRSNLTR (SEQ ID NO:395); if S3 comprises GAT, F3 comprises the amino acid sequence TSANLSR (SEQ ID NO:377); if S3 comprises GGA, F3 comprises the amino acid sequence QSGHLQR (SEQ ID NO:287); if S3 comprises GGG, F3 comprises RSDHLSR (SEQ ID NO:229); if S3 comprises GGT, F3 comprises the amino acid sequence TSGHLVR (SEQ ID NO:1425); if S3 comprises GCA, F3 comprises the amino acid sequence QSGDLTR (SEQ ID NO:220); if S3 comprises GCG, F3 comprises the amino acid sequence RSDDLTR (SEQ ID NO:188); if S3 comprises GCC, F3 comprises the amino acid sequence DRSDLTR (SEQ ID NO:417); if S3 comprises GCT, F3 comprises the amino acid sequence QSSDLQR (SEQ ID NO:132); if S3 comprises GTG, F3 comprises RSDALTR (SEQ ID NO:153); and if S3 comprises GTC, F3 comprises the amino acid sequence DRSALAR (SEQ ID NO:184);

(ii) synthesizing a polynucleotide encoding the protein of (i);

(iii) introducing the polynucleotide of (ii) into a cell; and

(iv) incubating the cell under conditions in which the protein is expressed.

~~thereby designing a zinc finger protein that binds to a target site.~~